

## PETERS STAYS TO FIGHT FOR CHANGE

Won't Go to Providence, but Will Lead Insurgents Who Want New Council Rules.

### MAY SWEEP MEMBERS OUT

Wholesale Committee Shifting Likely in View of Stand-Pat Attitude.

Formation of the new Council committees is exciting great interest in municipal circles, as on the work of President Peters and Whitte rests to a large extent the success or failure of the incoming body, and will, to a large degree, establish the attitude of the city government toward certain pending questions.

The presidents of both branches have done some work on their lists of assignments, but both admit that they are greatly hampered by uncertainty as to the action of the Council on the question of rules. Should the new Council adopt the rules proposed by the body as they stand, no member of the Finance Committee will be eligible to serve on any other joint standing committee. That rule was recommended by a special Committee on Revision of Rules, consisting of Messrs. Peters, Pollard, Lynch, Whitte, and Mitchell, several months ago, and was adopted at the time without dissent. It has been stated that every member of the Finance Committee was in favor of it at that time.

**New in Operation.**

Now there is an active movement to rescind the rule, even before it has been put into effect, the argument being largely that Chairman Mills, of the Water Committee, Chairman Adams, of the Street Committee, Chairman Richardson, of the Electricity Committee, are all members of the Finance Committee, and would find it difficult to choose between the two should it come to an issue. The presidents, however, shake their heads significantly and remark that even were the Council to go back to the old rule, there is no assurance that any of these members will be given both committee assignments. In fact, with the Washington Ward members and the newly elected members there are many to be placed, and it is not even good policy to give more than one important committee to one member.

Chairman Pollard and President Peters are strong supporters of the new rule with regard to the Finance Committee. Answering Captain Mills' argument that the Finance Committee should be made up of representatives from the various departmental committees, Mr. Peters says that that is to give certain departments undue advantage. The Finance Committee has public hearings on appropriation matters when the chairman of any committee or the department head may be heard as to the need for funds. The committee then sits in executive session for deliberation and action, and in mind the chairman of the city finances as well as the merits of the proposition. To have the chairman of one of the departmental committees present in the executive session, according to Mr. Peters, is not fair to other departments, and who has no way of knowing what goes on behind the closed doors.

**Organize on Thursday.**

The question will come up for action on Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock, when the Council meets to organize. The Board will follow at 7 o'clock.

Another matter that President Peters is anxious to have determined at once is the election of a successor to George E. Wise, in Henry Ward. He naturally does not wish to make up a list of committee assignments for a man not yet elected, and who may not be in his department or may have some special aptitude for some other committee. Should the vacancy be filled and the question of rules be settled on Thursday, Mr. Peters thinks he can have his list of committee assignments ready for the regular executive meeting next Monday night. Samuel Steiner and Herman Stein have withdrawn from the race, leaving the only candidate at present Wallace Saunders, who has been proposed by President Peters and who is highly indorsed. There has been no word caucus, and it is probable that none will be held, but that the matter will be determined by the Council at its first meeting.

**Going to Providence.**

President Whitte, of the Board, will not be here for that, opening meeting. He is a member of the committee appointed by the Mayor to attend the meeting of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways convention in Providence, R. I. The delegation named by the Mayor was Messrs. White, Peters, Lynch, Pollard, and Hobson. Mr. Pollard will be unable to go for business reasons, and has transferred his appointment to Alderman E. Douglas Richardson, who will leave with Mr. Lynch by the Merchants' and Miners' steamship for Providence this afternoon. President Peters said last night that it was not certain whether he would go to Providence, in view of the complications of the organization of the new Council.

The waterways convention, he said, he regarded as the greatest importance, especially as it is to be invited to meet in Richmond next year, but the question of the formation of the Finance Committee he regards as a vital one in the organization of the new Council, and he will probably stay here to fight for the rule segregating that committee, which he describes as the "bone and sinew" of the Council.

**End End Provided For.**

Without saying who he would appoint, Mr. Peters said last night, in answer to Captain Mills' assertion that the retirement of the present President Richardson and Adams from the Finance Committee would leave the entire East End without representation, that such would not be the case; that he had his own appointment in mind already, and he knew Mr. Whitte would provide for the East End proper representation from the East End on the new Finance Committee. In fact, the two presidents have had several conferences and will again compare their lists so as to have every ward represented on every important committee, either by delegates from one branch or the other.

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## NEW GOVERNOR RULES OVER VIRGINIA

Edward Echols Could Do Great Wonders Just Now if He Got the Notion.

Virginia has a new Governor. Some time during last night Governor Mann and Lieutenant-Governor Elyson left the State, and Edward Echols, of Staunton, by virtue of his office as president pro tempore of the State Senate, became Acting Governor. Not that he assumes the title, but in case of emergency it would be up to him to take the helm of the ship of state for probably the remainder of this week.

Incidentally, it might be remarked that it is impossible to keep Staunton permanently in the hole.

Supposing that Senator Swanson, laden down with the responsibilities of his position, should send in his resignation. It would be possible for Senator Echols to appoint a Governor. Not that it would be easy to imagine Mr. Swanson doing such a thing. But it might be done.

**Was Done Once.**

There is plenty of precedent, however, in such matters. Only a few years ago a Western State, which had no Lieutenant-Governor and whose Governor went away on a trip, lost one of its United States Senators by death. The presiding officer of the Senate, acting as Governor, made the appointment. True, the action was taken by a special committee, but the man appointed had the certificate, which is supposed to be about nine points in the law.

To add to the complications in Virginia, even Virginia's permanent Assistant Governor, Ben P. Owen, leaves today to attend the Deeper Waterways convention at Providence, and will be away for several days. In case of trouble it would clearly be up to Mr. Echols.

**Local State Officials cannot remember** the time when both the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor were absent from the State at the same time. These officers left Richmond at 6:45 last evening for Milwaukee, to attend the International Tax Association meeting.

## PUBLICITY HALTS SPEEDING MANIA

Dealer Tells How People Are Keeping Tab by Numbers on Motor Cars.

"In printing daily a list of all motor car owners and their numbers, The Times-Dispatch is having a most wholesome influence in checking this speed mania," said a dealer yesterday, who long ago realized that the industry is injured by reckless driving. "I have my garage and we are keeping a duplicate list of all cars in the city every morning, and it would surprise you to know how many people, whether they own automobiles or not, are doing the same thing. They are doing it for a variety of reasons. Up to a week or two ago, or until the majority of Richmond cars were listed, we got many requests every day for the name of the owner of such and such a car. The Police Department, I understand, had been kept busy by those seeking information. The first thing a man does after his horse has been frightened by a car is to get the list. Then he looks up his record, which he has saved from day to day, and in a jiffy he knows the offender. And the best part of it is that these reckless youngsters who race through the streets and in the country realize that they are easily caught. There are hundreds of people are keeping tab on all cars, and that he is more apt to be caught than in the old days when there was no system in licenses and numbers."

"Another surprising fact about this race to list people in every trade and profession own motor cars. They can afford it without mortgaging their homes. While the great majority of automobile people in Richmond observe the provisions of the law religiously, there are a few who do not—reckless fellows who have no regard for the rights of others. But when they are put down in black and white, when hundreds of persons are keeping the list, it is more difficult to evade the law. It is simply another instance where publicity pays."

### FIGHT OVER POLITICS

Two Colored Boys Have Altercation as to Running Government.

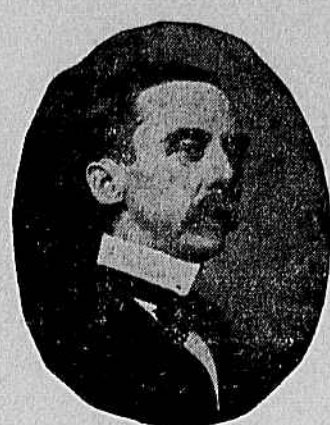
Julius Christian, a sixteen-year-old colored boy, living at 202 N. Street, undertook to talk politics with Troy Harris, a boy of the same age, last night, and by 10 o'clock the controversy had become so heated that Troy drew a knife, asserting that the government was run by the colored people, and stabbed Julius twice in the shoulder. Dr. Turman, of the city ambulance, attended to Julius, and the police will look after Troy if they can catch him.

## Aeroplane Caprice Latest Dance

New Society Wrinkle Comes Here This Winter, So Must Learn It to Belong.

Before you climb into your low-necked vest to beat it forth to the season's first, be sure you're wise to the aeroplane caprice. Not since "Miss Terry-Schorn" wined the original happy foot has there been anything like it, and the other new glides which are to be danced this fall. In addition to the caprice, a senora, Boston glider, society swing and salety are other new fall shuffles. Several of them are already here, the others bid fair to arrive. All of them are described as being polite ball room dances, perfectly proper and all of that.

The aeroplane caprice, they say, is a perfect joy. It is danced to a sort of "Love and Kisses" tune, played at a moderately slow tempo, but not for languor, in four-four time, and at every count of four the foot of the dancer is supposed to resemble an aeroplane by cruising around in the air. First, it is to be in the following position: The feet are to be in the polka step, then four in the opposite direction, ending with the aeroplane stunt with another turn, which brings you back to the floor, when you are supposed to make a graceful landing. Then you move four steps to the right, then four to the left, then forward right and hop, left and hop, right and hop, then you switch and hop some



EDWARD ECHOLS.

and when they crossed the State line for the time being surrendered their authority.

**Cannot Act Outside.**

The principle is well established that official action by a State officer while outside of the boundaries of the Commonwealth is void and of no effect. While elsewhere he is not acting under the laws of the State which he has left, for he is within another jurisdiction. In case of a riot or insurrection this week it would be the duty of Acting Governor Echols to order out the military, if it was demanded or if he saw fit to do so. An examination of the law shows that the Adjutant-General has no authority in the premises, it being his duty to carry out the orders of the commander-in-chief.

There is, as a matter of course, only the remotest chance that Edward Echols will be called upon to exercise any of the functions of Chief Executive. But a survey of the possibilities might be amusing, if not illuminating.

**Horrible Possibility.**

He could bring down upon his de-

Could Even Appoint Anybody Senator in Case Swanson Should Resign.

voted head the denunciation of all the people of the State by calling an extra session of the Legislature. Should he do this, there is little doubt that Governor Mann would charter a special train in order to get back on Virginia soil at the earliest possible moment, and that he would stay right at the State line and issue an order revoking the call. The Governor would not stand for having a Legislature on his hands if he could help it.

Acting Governor Echols might fire any or all of the State officers, appointing other persons. A long line of discharged officials might file sadly out of the Capitol Square and make a bee line for the nearest telegraph station to get messages through to Milwaukee. Sundry other delighted citizens might attend to the State's business for a few days.

**Release Convicts.**

It might be the right of the Acting Governor to open wide the doors of the State Penitentiary, and thus put the Davis Shoe Company out of business. He could fire all the convict road bosses and guards and let the prisoners go. He could appoint Long Tom Haynes president of the Supreme Court, and with the Commodore Maury and the Accome, he could order the naval forces of the State at the gates of Baltimore, until he forced an evacuation from Governor Crothers to the effect that it was a long time between deals.

While Edward Echols might make as good a Governor as anybody, nothing will happen of sufficient gravity to require him to take advantage of the section of the Code which provides that the duties of the office of the Governor, when a vacancy occurs in the office of Governor, shall be discharged by the president pro tempore of the Senate.

## ONE DARK BLOCK IN MAN STREET

Need of Light Between Third and Fourth Emphasized by Citizens.

Not understanding the system by which the city lights its streets, many night travelers through East Main Street have complained about the dark block between Third and Fourth, where overhanging trees reach down, giving an Egyptian effect. It is the best "hold-up" block in town. The thing that makes it so conspicuous is that South Third is brilliant with a flood of electricity, has another brilliant gas lamp just a few doors from Main, where it is not needed, and is, apparently, a waste of fuel and equipment. In the middle of the Main Street block between Third and Fourth there is a gas lamp post which could be easily connected with the mains, and which would afford all the protection needed.

Thinking that Councilman Morgan R. Mills was chairman of the Council Committee on Light, when he presides over the destiny of the Water Department instead, a young man appealed to him yesterday. Inasmuch as it isn't in his ward or his department, Mr. Mills told him where to lodge his complaint. "But don't you think a robber would have his nerve about him, just as if the robbers, if they were didn't know it already. It was much like the case of the robber who held up a fellow one night to get a postage stamp so he could write home for money."

Another member thought it would be bad policy to call attention to the dark block, even when it was admitted that relief might not be secured otherwise, because that would invite the robbers to operate thereabouts, just as if the robbers, if they were didn't know it already. It was much like the case of the robber who held up a fellow one night to get a postage stamp so he could write home for money."

### PULLED TEAPOT OVER

Colored Child Badly Scalded at Breakfast Table.

Gladys Threat, an eight-months-old colored child, of 611 Baker Street, pulled the teapot over on her lap yesterday morning while the family was at breakfast. She was severely scalded over the arms and legs, about one-third of the body being covered with burns from the hot tea. The city ambulance in charge of Dr. Turman was called and the child taken to the City Home Hospital, where it was reported last night that it had about equal chances for recovery, although most painfully and severely burned.

### WANTS WORK FOR IDLE NEGROES

Chief of Police Says They Should Go to Roads, Not to Jail.

Sixty-five negroes, rounded up in the police drag net some weeks ago as being of doubtful character and without visible means of support, all of whom were sent to jail for thirty days in default of bond for their good behavior, were released yesterday, their terms having expired. While rejoicing to be free, there was little dissatisfaction expressed at the treatment they had received at the hands of Sergeant Satterfield, and Sergeant Satterfield had no complaint to make at the drag net methods which fill up the jail and increase his fees.

All of these new dances will be danced this fall. They have been adopted by the International Association of Dancing Masters, which decides such things. Better prepare. Sooner or later it will be put up to you: "Oh! Mister Smith, do you caprice?"

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## F.W. CUNNINGHAM SONG CHAMPION

St. Louis Newspaper Gives Him Title, With 10,000 Funeral Performances.

City Collector Frank W. Cunningham, who went to St. Louis to attend the Eagles' convention, has been advertised out there as the champion singer at funerals, 10,000 being his estimate.

A St. Louis newspaper says: Frank W. Cunningham, representative of Dixie Aerie, No. 338, of Richmond, who is attending the Eagles' National Convention in St. Louis, claims to be the champion funeral singer of the United States. It is said of him that he sang his way into the office of City Collector of Richmond a quarter of a century ago, and has been able to hold his place by using his fine tenor voice.

In the early eighties, Cunningham was captain of a singing troupe at Richmond, but he requested too many leaves of absence for funerals to hold his job, so the people elected him Collector. Captain Cunningham received his title from service as commandant of a company of the Virginia National Guards. He served in the Confederate army when a boy.

"I have never charged a cent for singing at a funeral," Captain Cunningham said. "I do not know at how many funerals I have sung. One year I kept a record of 32 I attended. I suppose 10,000 would be about the right estimate." Cunningham sang at the great memorial service in Richmond in honor of the martyr President, Garfield and McKinley.

He is a member of the St. Louis chapter of the Knights Templar of Virginia and past potentate of Acacia Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is staying at the Planters' Hotel.

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## THOMAS POLLARD FINALLY CAUGHT

Brother of Negro Killed by Officer Perkins Locked Up at Second Station.

### TO HOLD INQUEST TO-DAY

Post-Mortem Shows That Perkins' Bullet Killed Relford Pollard.

Thomas Pollard, colored, brother of Relford Pollard, who was shot to death by Policeman Perkins Saturday night, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Policeman Guy Walker near the house on St. Peter Street where the shooting occurred. He was lodged in the Second Police Station. At the time the police were called in on Saturday night the two Pollards were having a fight over a woman. In the effort to arrest Relford Pollard, Policeman Perkins found it necessary to shoot him, after the negro had twice hammered the officer over the head with a fence paling. Policeman Walker who had been with Officer Perkins, chased Tom Pollard for some distance, but the negro made his escape in some dark alleyway, and the officer had since been looking for him.

An inquest will be held over the body of Relford Pollard this morning at 10 o'clock at the City Hall. Coroner William H. Taylor performed an autopsy Saturday morning, tracing the course of the bullet which caused the negro's death. The ball passed crossways almost through the body. It entered the right shoulder, and was extracted from the left side. It passed entirely through the right lung and severed a large vessel in the heart, and was found bedded in one of the left ribs just under the shoulder.

**Death Instantaneous.**

Coroner Taylor has the ball and will compare it with those used in police pistols. According to the account given by Officer Perkins Saturday night, there had been one or more shots fired in the house between the fighting brothers, and he was not certain whether it had been one of these, or the shot fired by himself at close range in the yard when the negro was attacking him that caused his death. From the nature of the wound, Coroner Taylor thinks there is no doubt but that the policeman's bullet caused death, as from such a wound death would have been almost instantaneous. Furthermore, there was no blood in the house and no drops on the floor to trace where the wounded negro had come out, there being no indication that any of the shots fired in the house had been fatal.

Thomas Pollard was arrested last night after there had been no shooting in the house.

Policeman Perkins has been bailed for his appearance in the Police Court this morning, but it is expected that the case will be postponed until after hearing the verdict of the coroner's jury.

**Examination of Thomas Pollard** at the station house last night showed that he had been severely hurt in the side, either in a struggle with his brother, or more probably in some fall received in jumping fences in his mad dash for liberty when the police officers arrived.

### FAREWELL SERVICE

**Second Baptist to Honor Its Retiring Pastor Wednesday Night.**

Rev. W. R. L. Smith, D. D., who recently resigned the pastorate of the Second Baptist Church of this city to accept a call to Chapel Hill, N. C., will close his thirteen years of service with that church with the prayer-meeting on Wednesday night.

Yesterday just before the hour of morning service at the Second Church a called meeting of the board of deacons was held, at which it was unanimously decided to convert the Wednesday night prayer-meeting into a "farewell service" in honor of the retiring pastor.

Deacons George B. Steel and J. S. James and Dr. R. J. Williams, who was appointed to arrange a program. Dr. Smith, who is out of the city as yet knows nothing of this special meeting for Wednesday night.

The committee is pointed to recommend a pastor to succeed Dr. Smith has not yet made a report, and, of course, no action has been taken and probably will not be for some time. In the meantime the pulpit will be supplied every Sunday. The committee on worship yesterday announced that during the month of September Rev. E. W. Mullens, D. D., president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be the supply.

**Minor Arrests.**

Willie Allen was arrested as a suspicious character last night, but the police have not indicated as yet what he is suspected of having done.

Harry Green was arrested on the charge of keeping an objectionable place at 1902 East Main Street.

L. H. Martin was arrested, charged with disorderly conduct on a Seven Pines electric car.

**State Board Meets To-Day.**

The State Board of Accountancy will hold its first meeting in Richmond today, probably in Murphy's Hotel. This board was authorized by the last Legislature for the licensing of certified public accountants. At the meeting today officers will be elected, and an examination to qualify for license will be held. Joseph Stebbins, of South Boston, patron of the bill which authorized this board, is in the city to attend the meeting.

### Sons Want Sponsors at Reunions

Men Who Entertain and Escort Them About Not in Favor of Elimination.

Being filled with chivalry, "A Confederate Son" takes up the battle in behalf of sponsors at Confederate reunions, showing that the young women have friends at court. Being the logical escorts and entertainers, the Sons of Veterans are eager to continue in that delightful pastime. The plan for the sponsors follows:

You have doubtless noted the recent campaign that from the headquarters of the Confederate Veterans and their published determination to reduce the number of sponsors at the coming reunion. Of particular note is the declared purpose of giving no official recognition to sponsors of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

"As a member of the organization of Sons, and having had experience as host and guest at these reunions, I wish to say that were it not for the Sons the sponsors of the veterans would have a rather hard time. It has

always been the custom at reunions for the Sons to have charge, in a large measure, of the social part of the affair, the principal social event always being the ball given by the Sons. The Sons likewise have always had delegating to them other duties relating to entertaining sponsors, etc., and, of course, the party was likewise always a pleasure. It has always been the pleasure of the Sons to entertain the sponsors of the veterans along with those appointed by their own organization, no distinction being made, and it is further to be noted that the veterans themselves in large measure participate with seeming pleasure in the social affairs arranged and carried out by the Sons.

"Therefore it certainly seems unfortunate that a specific declaration against the sponsors of the Sons should be issued from veteran headquarters, or at least so published. Let us hope that since the Sons always take delight in entertaining and promoting the pleasure of the sponsors of the veterans at these reunions, the veterans will take no steps that would either bar the Sons from appointing their own sponsors or would discredit them should they be appointed. I heartily approve of restricting the appointment of sponsors to the congressional districts and those for brigades and State at large, eliminating camp sponsors, but I think that the success and pleasure of the reunion will be enhanced by the official recognition of the sponsors appointed in the same manner, both by veterans and Sons."

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## RICHMOND SEEKING NEXT CONVENTION

Delegates Leave To-Day to Attend Atlantic Deeper Waterways Meeting, Hoping to Bring It Here Next Year.

Richmond delegates will leave this afternoon to attend the third annual convention of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association, which will be held in Providence, R. I., beginning Wednesday. The party will be composed of delegates appointed by Governor Mann, Mayor Richardson and by the Chamber of Commerce. They are as follows:

Appointed by Governor Mann—Henry W. Wood, S. B. Woodin, S. W. Fleishman, John C. Freeman, A. L. Adamson, H. W. Ellerson, J. F. Bradley, John Stewart Bryan, A. R. Holdridge and Captain John A. Curtis.

Appointed by Mayor Richardson—President Robert Whitte, Jr., of the Board of Aldermen; President Lee Peters, of the Common Council; Chairman H. R. Pollard, Jr., of the Council Committee on Finance; Councilman Julius Hobson, of the Committee on the Improvement of the James River, and Councilman John J. Lynch, of the Chamber of Commerce—W. T. Reed, second vice-president of the chamber; R. A. Dunlop, secretary; E. C. Laird, chairman of the committee on inland trade; M. A. Chambers, member of that committee; J. G. Little, chairman of convention committee; W. T. Dabney, business manager.

**Two Parties Going.**

This is a full list of the delegates, but it is understood that all of them will attend the convention. The delegates will go, however, and will leave to-day in two parties, which will make the trip to Providence by different routes. Some of the Richmond delegates will go to Norfolk, where they will embark with the Norfolk, Baltimore and Washington delegates on a special steamer tendered for their use by the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company. The others will go by rail to either Philadelphia or New York, to join the Pennsylvania delegation. The Richmond delegates will leave on the morning of Wednesday. They will take an active part in the affairs of the convention, and they will also put forth every effort to bring the meeting to this city next year.

The Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association was organized in Philadelphia four years ago. The first convention was held in Baltimore, and the second in Norfolk. The movement has grown until now the entire Atlantic seaboard is interested, and the coming convention at Providence promises to be attended with enthusiasm.

An array of figures of national prominence will be presented to the delegates during the five-day session of the convention. From twenty States Governors, Senators, Representatives, Cabinet officers, Army and navy officers have accepted invitations to address the delegates.

**Many Notable Speakers.**

On Wednesday morning Mayor Fletcher, of Providence; Representative John H. Small, of North Carolina; William H. Smith, of Massachusetts; J. Hampton Moore, of Pennsylvania, and Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Alabama, will address the convention.

During the afternoon of the same day Commander Alfred Brook, of the United States Navy, will be the guest of honor. He will deliver an address on "The Development of the Steamship." The program announces that on Thursday morning former Senator Higgins, of New Jersey, will preside, and that addresses will be delivered by O. P. Austin, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, Washington; Governor M. F. Daniel, of South Carolina; Governor Frank B. Weeks, of Connecticut; Chief Willis L. Moore, of the Weather Bureau, Washington, and President Edward W. Douglas, of the Troy Chamber of Commerce.

That afternoon addresses will be delivered by Theodore Kollischer, United States delegate to the International Refrigeration Congress, Vienna; Governor J. Franklin Fort, of New Jersey; United States Senator Elect N. P. Broward, of Florida, and

**Anxious to Discuss Playwrighting With Blaney, Whose Style He Follows.**

BY GEORGE F. ROEBUCK. (Seventeen years old.)

There are three hundred and sixty-five days in a year. I guess you all know that. Most of them move slowly along without anything to remember them by, but whatever you do, don't let the two-hundred and seventy-second day pass, without remembering it.

Why? Then I will tell you: It is September 23, and on that day or that night something will be doing on Eighth Street. My play, "Beatrice of the Cumberland," will open at the Academy of Music.

I would like to get as many young ladies as possible to help me sell tickets, and there will be a prize given to the one that sells the most. It doesn't make any difference whether you know me or not.

If you are pretty, all the better; the more tickets you can sell. If you are not, it doesn't make any difference, come anyway. And I will be glad to have you come, for "every little bit helps."

Charles F. Blaney is in this city today, and I will have the pleasure of beholding my namesake and inspiration. It will, indeed, be the pleasure of my life to see the man that can write a drama with his left hand and a farce-comedy with his right foot at the same time.

Miss Inez Kendrick, who last year made her pictorial debut during the first production of Willard Holcomb's dramatization of "St. Elmo" at the Academy of Music, has painted the scenery for "Beatrice of the Cumberland."

Architectural connoisseurs who have inspected the work, speak highly of her talent, and when I got her to paint the scenery I had no idea I had obtained a young lady who was not only interested in her work, but mine as well.

She designed the scenery from her own sketches from rooms at the Masonic Home, and are as natural as the rooms themselves.

Maybe if I would tell the girls about "Beatrice" they would be more willing to sell tickets for me. But let us pray that they will "come to the aid of the party."

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